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BARRIERS OF COMMUNICATION

Communication is a very important part of human interaction. It allows people to share ideas, feelings, and information. However, effective communication is not always easy. Sometimes, there are obstacles that prevent people from understanding each other clearly. These obstacles are called "barriers of communication". There are many common barriers of communication. We can cite language barrier, the physical barrier, bad internet connexion, emotional barriers, the cultural differences, perceptual barriers, political barriers and barriers due to conflict.

Firstly, is the *language barrier*. This is when people speak different languages or use difficult words, slang, or technical terms. The message may be misunderstood. For example, a doctor might use medical language that a patient cannot understand. Doctor can use a word like "analgesic" instead of using a word like "painkiller".

Secondly, is the *physical barrier* which includes noise, distance, or. For instance, it can be hard to hear someone talking in a noisy place.

Thirdly, bad internet connexion or poor technical equipment of telecommunication can make commumnication difficult or impossible. This is a *technical barrier*.

Fourthly, is the *emotional barriers* also play a role. When people are angry, scared, or stressed, they may not listen well or express themselves clearly. For example, a student might stay silent in class because he is afraid of being laughed at.

Fithly, is the *cultural differences*. They can also cause communication problems. People from different cultures may have different ways of speaking or different meanings for gestures. What is polite in one culture may be rude in another.

Sixthly, the barriers of communication can include *perceptual barriers*, where people understand messages based on their own thoughts, feelings, or past experiences. This can lead to misunderstanding even when the same words are used.

Seventhly, *political barriers* are found in States where expression's freedom is absent. This makes difficult commnunication.

At last, there are *barriers due to conflict*. Unreconciled people communicate difficultly, or do not communicate at all.

Finally, to overcome these barriers, people should use simple and clear language, listen carefully, be respectful, and choose the best method for communication. Understanding others and being patient also helps in breaking communication barriers. Recognizing and overcoming communication barriers is important for building strong relationships, solving problems, and working together effectively.